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Mr. John M. S. Cassin, formerly a citizen of Maryland, now a resident of Chicago, Illinois, has published a letter in the *Platons Advocate*, in reply to certain strictures made upon his course, for being one of a committee to welcome Senator Douglas to Illinois, upon his return from Washington. He avows his preference for Senator Douglas over his competitor, and contends that in so doing he but supports a man of sound political views over a Black Republican—and that in Illinois the contest is reduced to this issue. He says that if to be in the same category with Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, he has departed from any line of political action or thought, hitherto held by him as a citizen of a Southern State, he errs in such good company, that he is not at all inclined to change his position. And he significantly adds that, if it be held to advocate the views of Mr. Douglas on the Lecompton Constitution exposes him to any charge of treason against the present executive, he begs leave respectfully to intimate that before treason can be perpetrated, allegiance must be due! He supported Mr. Buchanan for President, still being a Whig, "and not a Buchanan Democrat."

Braxton Davenport, in a letter to the Governor of Virginia, claims that Gen. Andrew Jackson was born in Berkeley County, Va., on the estate of James Strode. The following is his statement:

"I claim his birth for Virginia, on the declaration of the late Mrs. Shepherd, the relict of the late Captain Abraham Shepherd, and Mrs. Bedinger, the wife of the late Major Henry Bedinger, of Berkeley County. These gentlemen were officers in the army of the revolution. These ladies were respectively married, Mrs. Shepherd in the early part of the revolution, and Mrs. Bedinger, a younger sister, at the conclusion. The war of 1812, gave to Gen. Jackson celebrity, and the question of nativity was started, and among those advanced in life, who remained in Berkeley and Jefferson counties, taken therefrom, at that period, were three ladies, from whom I learned that an Irish family named Jackson, came to their father's, the late James Strode, somewhere about the year 1760, to whom their father furnished a small tenement and gave employment—that they were then young girls—that about 1764 or '65, a son was born to that family, whom they named Andrew—that they had two other sons older—that being themselves without brothers, they with their two elder sisters, sought and obtained the consent of their father and mother, when in 1768 the Jacksons were making arrangements to emigrate to the Waxhaw Settlement in North Carolina, to obtain from the Jacksons, their youngest son, Andrew, to be raised as a brother—but were unable to do so, though they went some five miles on the road, importing—the Jacksons were poor, the Strodes having all that could be desired. It seems as if the hand of destiny was in the matter, and that Andrew was a fated boy. Many years after I had received this information from these ladies, I think in 1824 early, when Gen. Jackson was put forward by his friends for the Presidency, I met with George Johnston, a Scotchman, a very aged man in my neighborhood, who in early life, I think, was in Brodbeck's defeat, and a soldier through the revolution, and who had resided near Mr. Strode's residence from 1760 to the revolution.

I immediately required if he had ever known a family of the name of Jackson, who had resided on Mr. James Strode's estate, previous to the revolution, if so, how many children they had and of what sex, and what became of the family. He replied promptly that he knew such a family—that they had three sons, the youngest of whom was called Andrew (Andy as he called him), who was carried on the ship—that is, was not able to travel, when, in 1768 they went to the Waxhaw settlement in N. Carolina. No history or biography of Gen. Jackson had then been written, and if one had been, Johnston was illiterate and he had no idea of the object of my inquiry.

The biographer of Gen. Jackson, (Estlin) places the arrival of the family in 1768 direct from Ireland, in the Waxhaw settlement in South Carolina—bringing with them the family name of Andrew with them. Thus we have on good authority, none cannot be doubted, for my informants survived 'til recently, two families, both Irish, who emigrated to the Waxhaw settlement and each family having their youngest son named Andrew. I have understood that that settlement was believed to be in North Carolina previous to the revolution; that her courts had jurisdiction over its inhabitants, it being included in one of her counties; that after the revolution the two States of South and North Carolina, had the division line run, and that that settlement fell into South Carolina. Could it be possible that two families from Ireland each having three sons, the youngest one in each family, bearing the name of Andrew, could arrive in the same year 1768, in the same settlement?

Our advices from the Sandwich Islands are dated at Honolulu the 20th of May. On May 20 at ten minutes past six o'clock in the evening, her Majesty, the Queen, was safely delivered of a male infant, her apparent to the throne. Following the example of his royal sisters in England and Spain and that of his imperial brother of France, King Kamohamehameha, immediately issued letters patent styling the youthful islander, "The Prince Royal of Hawaii." There were immense rejoicings on the occasion. The new Commissioner of the United States, Hon. J. W. Borden and family, had arrived. Mr. Borden was presented at court, when the King made an agreeable reply to his address. Hon. Mr. Gregg, ex-American Commissioner, had been escorted. A steamer belonging to Honolulu had sailed with a heavy cargo and passengers for the gold mines on Fraser river. New guano islands had been discovered in the Pacific by traders from the islands. There was a dread that the natives were fast returning to the practice of idol worship. The coffee crop promised to be abundant.

The warm weather is helping the Virginia Springs. The company at most of them is increasing. So far, we believe, that Old Point Comfort has the best "run of company" on this side of the mountains at least.

We have interesting advices from the west coast of Africa, dated Cape Coast Castle, to the 11th, Liberia 10th, and Sierra Leone 24 June. The Admiralty Court at Monrovia had, in the case of the French ship *Regina Celi*, awarded \$6,500 to the Ethiopians as slave capture prize money, but we are not yet informed at what place or by whom Captain Simon bought his negroes. Commodore Proter, French commander on the coast, had had an interview with the King of Dahomey on the subject of the traffic, but legitimate commerce had so raised the price of slaves that the King was unable to supply them to the agents of Mr. Regie at their maximum price. Trade was improving at Lagos. Few slaves had been in the light of Boin lately. Palm oil was very high at Accra. The officers composing the English Niger expedition were all well at their camp near Sargha, with the exception of Mr. Davy, the surgeon.

A desperate fight took place on board of a steamer, which was bringing up a number of passengers from Port Lee to New York, on Tuesday. A party of "Short Boys" rowdies—attempted to get off without paying their fare—the officers of the boat resisted—and a "battle royal" ensued, with torn clothes, bloody noses, and one passenger wounded by the discharge of a pistol. An affray occurred on board of a steamer on an excursion from Baltimore, on Tuesday, in which several were wounded. These rowdy scoundrels will obtrude themselves, whenever they have a chance—and the only way to deal with them is for respectable people to unite and punish them severely.

The French physicians are at present much interested in a new treatment for consumption, introduced by Dr. J. F. Churchill, an American physician in Paris. Dr. Churchill's theory of consumption is that it is owing to an undue waste or an insufficient supply of phosphorus in the system. To supply this want he administers the hypophosphites of lime and soda, in doses of from five to twenty grains daily in a small quantity of sweetened water. In a paper read by him before the Academy of Medicine at Paris he gave an account of forty-one cases treated in this way with success.

The "contested election case" in Jefferson county, Va., occupied the attention of the County Court there for four days during last week. Only some ten or twelve votes were passed upon, previous to the adjournment of the Court. These were all persons who had been challenged by Mr. Aisquith, as having voted illegally for Mr. Campbell. Nine of those challenged were rejected, as having no votes. A number of doubtful votes on both sides are yet to be examined. The case will come up again at August Court.

The Union thinks that the "Democracy" has heretofore overpowered and best down each and all of its members, who have dared to oppose its behests, it can easily conquer Senator Douglas—who, it says, is a remnant like Van Buren, White, Rives, Benton, and so forth. "Circumstances alter cases," and the "little giant" may be found more potent in a party fight, than men much his superiors in every sense.

The Boston Journal records the death on Sunday last, of a little girl, daughter of Wm. G. Lewis Esq., from hydrophobia. Having been bitten by a mad dog four weeks ago, she exhibited the first symptoms of her distressing malady on Thursday last, when she complained of her throat, and soon after began to dread the sight of water, shuddering whenever it was put before her, or even spoken of.

The oldest incumbent of any post office in the United States is Gen. Joseph Locke, now acting postmaster in Bloomfield, (Me.) He has filled the office for forty-five consecutive years, and though seventy-four years of age is in full possession of all his faculties, mental and physical, and from present appearance looks far to serve Uncle Sam for many years in as faithful a manner as he has done for nearly half a century.

The shipwrecked Japanese seamen who were brought to San Francisco by the British ship *Caribbean* have been carried away again by the same vessel, the captain of which and the English Consul assuring the Collector that they should be immediately conducted to Japan. While here they were treated with every kindness and hospitality.

The Loudoun Mirror says:—"From conversation with many of the farmers of this rich and productive county, we are convinced that the wheat crop of this season will be little better than it was last, when it was not more than one third the usual yield. The prospects for corn are very fine."

The Fraser river fever appears to have reached the Isthmus, whence large parties are leaving for the new mines. Among them were several persons in the employ of the Panama Railroad, who, according to the *Panama Star* and *Herald*, were dissatisfied at a reduction made in their salaries.

The most reliable accounts from Oregon and Washington confirm the statements in regard to the present hostile bearing of the Indians in that quarter. One of two things is certain, the Government must either beat them off or buy them off.

The Staunton Spectator says:—"The Wheat, much of which remained in the fields, was somewhat injured last week by the wet weather."

The Tenth Legion congratulates its readers that one crop in Virginia has not failed—and that is the crop of *Whortleberries*. A very good crop, as far as it goes.

On the 15th instant, the venerable Josiah Hedges, of Tiffin, Ohio, died, at the advanced age of 80 years and 3 months. He was born in Berkeley county, Va., on the 9th day of April, 1778.

"Affecting Scene"—The National Intelligencer, in speaking of the rendition of the verdict of the jury against Charles Barrett, formerly of Baltimore, for murder, says that "on the prisoner receiving the intelligence he burst into a flood of tears, which he continued at intervals during the whole time of his removal to his cell in the jail. At the jail especially he exhibited much emotion and shed copious tears. The other prisoners appeared to be affected chiefly by the unhappy companion."

These men have no tears to shed for the valuable lives they have taken, but are awfully distressed at the idea of losing their own worthless lives. This fellow Barrett was laid and killed, without provocation, at a late hour of the night, Mr. Lewis, one of the most respectable citizens of Washington. Winchester Virginian.

News of the Day.

"Toshon the very age and body of the Tires."

The Cas-Horran treaty, it is stated, has been ratified by New Granada in an amended form. It indemnifies American sufferers by the Panama riots to such extent as may be settled by arbitrators, but refuses to guarantee the security of Americans while on the Isthmus. The ratification in this form is said to be equal to its rejection.

The Union is informed by the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, that the Institution is now in a prosperous condition. The original fund left by Smithsonian remains intact; and the building has been erected at an expense of \$225,000, a large amount of scientific apparatus has been procured, a valuable library collected, all incidental expenses of printing, &c., provided for, and still there is a surplus on hand of \$125,000.

The water in the Ohio is reported to be falling and boats generally lying idle. As late as the 23d there were but four feet of water at Southville, and scarcely three feet on the rapids between that city and Pittsburgh. Below Wheeling the river was in better navigable condition. At a point called the "Towers," there were three feet, and at Buffalo, ten and three quarters, the depth of the stream ranged between four and a half and five feet.

At the last session of the Maryland Legislature, a joint committee was appointed, to which was referred the subject of the revision and codification of the laws of the State, after it had been finished by the commissioners selected a few years ago. The commissioners, it appears, have now ready a considerable portion of the work, and the joint committee, therefore, are to assemble in Baltimore, and organize, on the 5th of August.

A letter to the New York Journal of Commerce states that the price of passage by the steamer from San Francisco to Victoria, Bellingham Bay, &c., is, on the average, \$30 to \$40. Added to this, is \$25 for river passage on the steamer *Surprise*, or by canoe to Fort Hope. It is fair to say, that a minor, to go from San Francisco to Fraser river mines, wants at least \$200 a \$250 cash, to enable him successfully to reach the mines, and to procure the requisite outfit.

Mr. Z. Colburn, who has personally investigated the railroad economy of the United States and Great Britain, states that the speed of the British passenger train exceeds that of the American, the average being twenty-eight miles an hour. The weight of these trains is much less than that of the American, and the difference in speed is likewise accounted for by the lighter grades of the foreign lines. Besides this, the tracks are more carefully laid than in our country.

A charter was granted by the recent Legislature of Virginia to establish a new bank at Portsmouth, with a capital of \$250,000, a portion of which was to be subscribed by the municipal corporation, provided a majority of the legal voters of the city were in favor of it. The question was submitted to the voters last week, and it was decided "no bank."

The Sunday law, passed by the California Legislature, at its last session, has been declared by the Supreme Court of California to be unconstitutional and void. This law had excited much indignation among the foreign residents of the State and the Hebrews, and its abrogation by the Supreme Court has been hailed by them with great manifestations of joy.

John M. Conn, a colored man, was brought before Judge Hilton in New York on a charge of contempt of court, in disobeying a writ of attachment. His counsel, however, said that he could not be punished, and quoted as his authority a passage in the *Dred Scott* decision. Under these circumstances the defendant claimed that he could not be punished, as the plaintiff had no legal rights. His Honor reserved his decision.

The Buffalo Commercial Advertiser says the Lake commerce of that city, thus far this season, far exceeds that of any previous year, and "we have every reason to expect record at the close of navigation an increase of at least one-third in the flour and grain receipts over those of any other season."

The Lexington Observer gives a brief notice of the complimentary dinner given to the Hon. John J. Crittenden, on the 23d instant, in a beautiful woodland, near Versailles. It is described as in every way worthy of the people who gave it, and of the honored guest. The attendance was large.

The directors of the Galena and Chicago Railroad have decided to commence the construction of the Fulton Bridge across the Mississippi river, to connect their road with the two railroads from Clinton and Lyons, in Iowa, as soon as the stockholders vote their approval of it.

The Danbury Times says that a woman who was divorced from her husband on account of his drinking propensities and consequent cruelty, married him again on his reformation during the late revival. But the husband fell into his old habits, and a short time ago, in a fit of intoxication, returned to the house of the woman he had twice married and committed to the flames every article of her wearing apparel upon which he had laid his hands. For the betrayal of her trust in this and other acts, she now positively declares that she will never marry him again.

An old Salt Gnome. The tobacco plant in the Connecticut Valley looks remarkably well. The Hartford Times says "a very large crop has been planted, and it looks now as if double the amount would be raised this year that there was last, though the quality may not be as good."

A camp meeting for Winchester (Va.) circuit and station, commencing on Friday, August 20th, will be held on the ground known as "Crisman's Spring." On the same day a camp will commence about fourteen miles from Romney Va.

On Sunday evening Miss Emma Evans, aged 14, residing in New York, was entering her father's house by the basement, when the servant girl uttered some exclamation, and the young lady fell to the ground, from fright, and died in a few minutes.

A cargo of three thousand bushels of new North Carolina wheat has been received at Baltimore, and sold for seed, at the high price of \$1.76. This time last year the same description brought \$2.20.

A letter from Paris of July 10th, says that they were then experiencing wet, cold weather, that would do no discredit to the month of March, in place of the blazing sun of a few weeks previous.

The price of both cotton and breadstuffs has been depressed by the late news from Europe.

The first deposit of gold from Fraser river was made at the Assay office, in New York, on Tuesday.

The Pennsylvania announces that the Philadelphia will hold a Convention in Philadelphia, in October next.

A Strange but True Story.

A great many strange things happen, and entirely escape public attention, which, if made known, would induce more than a passing remark. For a long time we have heard nothing stranger than the story we are about to relate.

When Thomas Galloway was 21 years of age, he married a widow lady of about the same age, in a village way down in the State of Vermont. This lady had a daughter, Mary, by her first husband, who, at the time of her second marriage, was two years of age. Just one year after Galloway's marriage, his wife died. Little Mary was sent to live with a family by the name of Plunkett, in a neighboring village, and Galloway left upon a sailing, or some other expedition. He cruised the wide world and by wide seas over, when he returned to his place, and finally settled in Dearborn county, Indiana, twenty years having elapsed since the death of his wife. He afterward thought of visiting his old Vermont home, but he had heard from good report that his only brother, John, had left the place soon after he had taken his own departure, and that little Mary had grown up to womanhood, married, and emigrated he could not ascertain where. Having no other ties or affections to draw him to the place, he scarcely ever gave it a passing thought.

Shortly after settling in his new Indiana home, he became acquainted with a young widow, and notwithstanding the disparity in their ages, married her. Some three weeks after this marriage, he discovered by his wife's account of her own past life, that she was no other than the daughter of the late Thomas Galloway, married five years before, and her husband, James Luchlan, met with a violent death in a clearing two years afterwards. About three years after Galloway's second marriage, he happened one day to be in Lawrenceburg, on the Ohio river, six miles from his residence, when a man by the name of Galloway was drowned off a steamer at the wharf. The body was recovered in Galloway's presence, and from the appearance of the features and corresponding name, he began to entertain a vague idea that it might be his only brother, John. Information gained from the Captain of the boat, strengthened the suspicion, and the unfortunate man had a family in this vicinity, and at the time of his death was on his way to the West to enter land, Galloway resolved to return with the Captain, and find out the truth. He did so, and found his suspicions correct. His brother had left a tract of land, a large family of children, for the most part girls, and a wife in ill health. After consulting with his deceased brother's wife, he concluded to take charge of the farm. Accordingly, he went back to Indiana, sold his effects there, and in company with his young wife, returned, and has been living within six miles of the city for a length of time, now going on four years. This story is literally true, with the exception of the names of the principal characters, which we are forbidden to use. Verily, truth is stranger than fiction.—*Winning Intelligence*.

Ingenuous Escape from a State Prison. A convict in the Wisconsin State Prison, named Prendergast—but they say out there that he is the notorious Bart McKeay, so called—had been in the State Prison for several years, and was about to be executed for a crime committed in an ingenious manner, but he was caught the next morning. There is no dining room for the prisoners to eat in; consequently they have to take their meals to the cells, and when they go back to work they take the dishes back with them. At night, after supper, they are not let out again till morning; but the officers go round and collect the dishes, and each prisoner must hand out his dish, unless he is too sick to get up and do so. Prendergast got some old clothes, which he stuffed with straw and put in his bed. 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